



Proclamation

- In Memoriam -

Former Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro was born on July 15, 1941 in Honolulu, Hawai'i; attended University Elementary School; graduated from Punahou School in 1959 and the United States Army Artillery Officer's Candidate School in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Hawai'i in 1965; awarded his law degree from Willamette University College of Law in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro served on the Hawai'i County Council from 1976-1990; 11 of those years spent as the Chairman of the County Council; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro became the Hawai'i County Mayor on December 7, 1992; served until December 2000; notably left the Mayor's Office with a budget surplus for Hawai'i County; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro was one of the most influential political leaders and elected officials on the Big Island; played an essential role in transforming the Hawai'i County economy from its sole dependency on the sugar industry to other diversified industries such as agriculture, astronomy and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro helped guide the Hawai'i County economy into the future through his support and advocacy for sustainability initiatives including agriculture, forestry and geothermal power which are still paying dividends for Hawai'i County residents today; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro's accomplishments include being credited with encouraging Japan Airlines to fly direct flights from Narita to Kona; getting customs and immigrations services at Kona International Airport; and introducing the use of the 100% Kona Coffee seal;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Yamashiro family on the passing of a true son of Hawai'i, and as a mark of respect for the memory of Former Mayor Stephen K. Yamashiro, hereby order, by the authority vested in us by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, that the National Flag and the Hawai'i State Flag shall be flown at half-staff at all State offices and agencies as well as the Hawai'i National Guard from sunrise on June 18, 2011 through sunset on June 18, 2011.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighth day of June, 2011.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i